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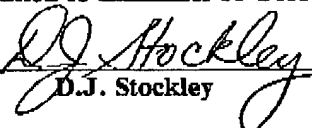
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD FOR OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATION, AND DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR USE  
IN CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

**COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER RE CORRECTION OF INITIALING OF FORM PTO-1449**

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Sir:

Information Disclosure Statements with Form PTO-1449s were filed on February 24, 1999 and August 3, 1999. Applicants have not received an initialed copy of the either IDS PTO-1449 Form showing that the Examiner has considered the documents cited therein. Apparently, this was simply an inadvertent oversight. The Examiner is requested to initial next to the citation of references on both IDS PTO-1449 Forms, sign the forms and return a copy of both to the undersigned. For the Examiner's convenience, an additional copy of the IDS PTO-1449 Forms filed on February 24, 1999 and August 3, 1999 for the above-cited matter are attached to this Communication.

In the alternative, if it is needed to correct this matter, please issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowance.

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